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Re: The Alleged Medical Witnesses

Quote:

Originally Posted by **QuidSapio** Great analysis J. That article seems designed for one thing only - to try and allay doubt and suspicion about the bizarre role "tourniquets" played in this event!

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Agreed, yet it still irks me! I guess I find it difficult to accept that people in high places can plan a false flag such as this and still be so arrogant as to fuck it up this badly. Maybe I am giving them more credit than they are due? In which case, I am continuing forward with more on those ridiculous tourniquets....

Quote:

The casualty report from the terrorist bombing at the Boston Marathon this week was quite high; three people were killed, and over 170 people were injured, many critically. However, it could have been a lot worse. **It is amazing that all of the wounded have survived.** The credit goes to the outstanding medical care provided by first responders and hospital staff. They in turn benefited from lessons learned during the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts on treating personnel wounded from IEDs (improvised explosive devices).

One of the most important lessons was the use of emergency tourniquets to stem bleeding. 'The most severe injuries in the Boston bombing resemble those suffered by troops in Iraq and Afghanistan whose limbs were blown apart by improvised explosive devices, and the initial treatment was also identical: **First responders used tourniquets to cut off the blood flow and stop severe bleeding.**

Hospital workers saw "many patients come in with tourniquets. They definitely saved patients' lives," says Michael Yaffe, a trauma physician at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, where 24 patients were treated Monday.'

However, the decision to use a tourniquet should be made by trained medical personnel. The reason why is that cutting off blood flow to minimize bleeding will cause irreparable damage to the limb beyond the tourniquet resulting in amputation.

It should be noted that "depending upon the age, health, and fitness level of the individual, people can die from losing half or two-thirds of their blood; a loss of roughly one-third of the blood volume is considered very serious." In addition, the loss of 20% of blood can give rise to shock. A typical person possesses 5L of blood.

Thankfully, the death toll from the bombing at the Boston Marathon was limited to three; crucial to saving the lives of the severely injured was the excellent medical care by first-responders including the use of EMS tourniquets to minimize blood loss.

Source: <http://quantifiedhealth.blogspot.co....-marathon.html>

So we have a loud and clear warning there - they should only ever be applied by trained individuals, due to the fact that they can easily make the situation worse. The writer notes that this did not occur in Boston, as they were all applied by individuals who knew exactly what they were doing! Who the hell informed them that this was the case? I wish these people would question a little more, or look at the odd photograph, at least. I have to throw her in again I'm afraid, but she is a prime example of the point I'm trying to demonstrate here:

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Source: www.getty.co.uk

I think the medical community needs to take a long hard look at what actually went down on the streets of Boston. They may be shocked at what they see.

Quote:

It is amazing that all of the wounded have survived.

To all the doctors and nurses who *weren't* there - understatement of the year, surely?

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#32

QuidSapio
Thinker

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Re: The Alleged Medical Witnesses

Yup, I think articles like that are deliberately planted to set the "meme" for the future and conceal the mistakes and errors with a nice new officially branded version of what really happened. - Forget these bizarre images of grandma's cardi being used to staunch arterial bleeds, and replace it with the idea that *only three people died because of the amazingly efficient emergency services!* 😊

I agree it's hard to believe these guys can have so much power at their disposal and yet make such a screw-up of their narrative so much of the time. I've wondered - especially after Sandy Hook - if there was some plan behind the mistakes, but as time goes on and they don't seem to be making any kind of capital out of it, I am starting to seriously think they are just that - mistakes.

Maybe these guys are arrogant enough to believe the mistakes don't matter, and in a sense they're right. When you have the MSM covering for you, then your gaffs, contradictions, screw-ups and embarrassing errors will all get swept down the Memory Hole eventually and only a few people will ever notice.

The hope is they are miscalculating and that enough people are beginning to notice to make a difference.



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#33

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Re: The Alleged Medical Witnesses

Added Alex Coletta RN and Fred H. Brennan jr MD to the list. Brennan has military connections. Might be good to keep a total of how many of these people do.

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Re: The Alleged Medical Witnesses

More accounts from the tent. We have heard about this man previously, although this is a different account straight from the horse's mouth, from the BMJ website.

Dr. Fred H. Brennan, Jr. and his daughter, Alyssa.

From an article:

Quote:

...Arriving at the pre-race meeting Alyssa was impressed with the abundance of volunteers, smiling faces, camaraderie, and organization of this massive event. The meeting introduced the new volunteers to the logistics of the medical support structure at the Boston Marathon. Cramps, nausea, post-race collapse, and mild hypothermia were anticipated....the usual marathon ailments. We broke from the meeting and dispersed to our respective medical treatment areas along the race course and near the finish line. Alyssa and I went to Med Tent B, approximately 1-2 blocks from the finish line, where I would spend the next two hours coordinating my team of approximately two hundred volunteers. We were able to view the finish line area on two large flat screens monitors set up in the tent.

At 4 hours and 9 minutes into the marathon, our lives would change forever. I will never forget the look on Alyssa's face when the first bomb went off...then the second one. Everyone in the medical tent froze in place. The flat screen monitors went dead, cell phones stopped working, and we lost all communications with the rest of the medical command. **I stood on a milk crate and got on the tent intercom system. "We all need to stay calm. We don't know what has happened yet but there is a good chance that we will receive casualties. Stay in the tent, take care and stabilize your current athletes, and let's get the tent ready to receive major trauma casualties".**

During this time the first responders at the finish line, including Tent A marathon medical personnel, heroically triaged and stabilized the casualties. We were told to stay put in Med Tent B as the blast area was not secured and more explosive devices were possible. We received 3 minor shrapnel injured patients and saw the psychological effect on the spectators. People were running frantically trying to either get away from the blast area or looking in horror for their loved ones in our medical tent. Runners were diverted to the Boston Commons as the course finish area was secured and evacuated.

Source: <http://blogs.bmj.com/bjbm/2013/05/13...ston-marathon/>

Right. This man heard two loud noises at which point the tv screens cut out, cell phones immediately stopped working, and all communications with medical command went down. Immediately. Dr Brennan, we know this is not true! We have now seen inside your tent and your screens were clearly working. Cell phones did not stop operating until much later - we know this also. How did you lose contact with medical command? Ever heard of a walkie-talkie - there were plenty lying around?

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You don't know what has happened yet, as you have merely heard two loud noises. No one can tell you it is a bomb, as your entire communication system has gone down - apart from the intercom (?). *Yet you order your staff to prepare for major casualties.*

Maybe the next part of the article can shed a bit of light on this man's apparent ability to know what no one else does.....

Quote:

...I will shed some light on this from my year in the 28th Combat Support Hospital in Iraq where we frequently responded to tragic events like this. This is what we should now be concentrating on....

We must now be prepared to be first responders for mass trauma. A team or teams of volunteer medical personnel with trauma training and/or experience should be pre-determined. A trauma bag (s) should be assembled and include basic oral airways, tourniquets, curlex bandages, ACE wraps, SAM or other extremity splinting materials, some IV starter kits with normal saline. This list is certainly not all inclusive. These bags should be at the race start, the race finish, and at aid stations along the course.

Think before jumping into the scene. Make sure the scene is safe and secured. Terrorists will wait for first responders to act then set off a second explosive device to wipe out those responders. **"Dirty bombs" laced with chemical agents are also a real possibility.** First responders can quickly become casualties if they are exposed to chemical agents. And contaminated patients brought back to your medical tent will quickly contaminate your medical treatment area.

When triaging casualties think about those interventions that can quickly save a life. Firm pressure on a

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bleeding wound, a tourniquet, an oral airway, quick stabilization of a long bone or pelvic fracture. You may have to walk away from someone who you could save in an emergency department so that you can tend to a greater number of injured who will survive with your simpler but more timely intervention, **such as an application of a tourniquet.**

As with the tragedies of 9/11 this event once again made us all realize the important things in life; family, friends, freedom, and faith...Boston Strong!

<http://blogs.bmj.com/bjbm/2013/05/13...ston-marathon/>

.....Boston strong? Try bull shit strong.

The official line goes three people allegedly lost their lives in a 'terrorist attack', committed by a pair of 'lone wolves'. There is no further risk to the public, or to the Boston marathon. One is dead and the other soon will be. This type of 'attack' will never be halted. It was 'committed' by residents of the United States, in the United States, against people of the United States. Yet we have this doctor insisting the way forward is to prepare responders for '**mass trauma**', with the possibility of them being '**wiped out**' in secondary attacks. We should be planning how to deal with '**dirty bombs**' laced with '**chemical agents**' and the effect they may have on your medical tent. And after all of this, I see he is really ramming home the 'tourniquet' message yet again, even though he spent time in Iraq and knows full well this constitutes medical malpractice!

Quote:

As with the tragedies of 9/11 this event once again made us all realize the important things in life; family, friends, freedom, and faith...Boston Strong!

Nice to see him slipping the 9/11 reference in there also - nothing like reminding the American public of how fearful they should be. Here is the good doctor and his daughter after the event was over.



Source: www.reuterspictures.com

One question. How much did they pay you to come out with that shit, Doc? You just sold your soul to the devil.

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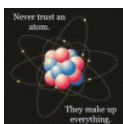
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19 May 2013, 17:02 PM

#35

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Re: The Alleged Medical Witnesses

Quote:

Originally Posted by [QuidSapio](#) Good point yeah - there seems to be no way any wheelchairs could be rushed through that tent. **And who are all these guys in red? They aren't in the first pic at all.**

But the issues in these pics are legion

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1. Who are the people in those beds? Why can't we see their faces?
2. Why are they covered with sheets, which would simply get in the way of assessing and treating major trauma?
3. The victims photographed on the street were bloody and many were sporting amputations. Why can't we see the same things here?
4. About that sign saying "intensive care" - is this a normal part of a first-aid tent at a marathon?
5. If not, then where did it come from, and what does it signify? There are no crash carts, blood products, heart monitors, so in what sense is this an ICU? How could severe trauma be treated and "stabilized" here?
6. Both photos are consistent with the claims made by physicians that the tent was inadequate for the treatment of major trauma. Which raises the question - **why hang up a sign claiming a level of care you don't have? And why bring major trauma cases in there to be treated, when you don't have the wherewithal to treat them and are just prolonging the delay before they get to hospital?**
7. The people in the beds under that sign must be the most severely injured - the amputees and hemorrhage victims. We ought to see blood, evidence of missing limbs and physicians working heroically to staunch bleeding. But yet the photograph shows nothing like that and is more consistent with the aftermath of a normal marathon than for any kind of major trauma. The most "intensive" thing happening is someone hanging a bag of fluid.

Quote:

...And who are all these guys in red? They aren't in the first pic at all.

Podiatrists.

Yes, all the anonymous red jackets seen treating amputations, severed arteries, and other types of trauma likened to 'war zone' injuries are in fact - foot specialists! WTF? They had a team of foot specialists treating people with, ahem, *no feet*.

Meet the gang.



Source: <http://w.info.com/ClickHandler.ashx?...FDA72187411F0E>

I actually can't believe what I'm reading anymore. I need to find a darkened room and go for a bit of a lie down.....

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I notice it was our friend Dr Levene who used neck lanyards;
<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2013/04/...rapnel-wounds/>

"People were relatively lying in heaps in some ways on top of each other, and next to each other in strange positions, and I saw shock on several faces. Those people had the worst — there were leg injuries; severed lower limbs at different levels, and we were taking our belts off; our lanyards off of our neck if we had a credential, and we were applying them onto the limbs as tourniquets," he said.
Medical personnel quickly grabbed wheelchairs, but they were proved difficult to use for transport.
"We even began bringing boards; we were putting people on the boards and carrying them back to the medical tent; through the medical tent to the back," he said.

And another out of town doctor from Texas who was in a tent:
Dr Jorge Alvarez from San Antonio whose wife Rebecca had finished the marathon already

<http://www.ksat.com/news/San-Antonio...e/-/index.html>

Initially, Dr. Alvarez was at the marathon to not only support his wife, but to volunteer at the marathon tent to help runners who were dehydrated or getting cramps.
*He said seconds after the first explosion, **his medical tent turned into triage center.***
"People were running towards us scared and there was a little bit of chaos and that's when the screams came out they needed medical attention," said Dr. Alvarez, a San Antonio cardiologist.
What was most disheartening to him was the injuries people sustained.
***"A lot of ankles that had been dismembered removed essentially, people were amputated or partially amputated a lot of large flesh wounds,"** he said.*

not included in the transcript, he says there were

"Big open abdominal wounds, open leg wounds, for whatever reason it seemed to be mostly in the legs "

open abdominal wounds????



Jorge and Becky - he saw open wounds, she was half a mile away - actually she finished ten minutes before the first bomb at 3:59:34, bib no 16181.

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Re: The Alleged Medical Witnesses

"I guess I was one of the first ones that came onto the first explosion site" - Dr Jorge Alvarez
<http://www.woai.com/news/local/story...LuCazzncg.csp>

Interesting that he is straight on the blower to station WAOI in San Antonio from Boston
Dr. Alvarez, a cardiologist with Methodist hospital was volunteering in the marathon medical tent during the explosions.

"You could just see people running towards us, very panicked, "said Dr. Alvarez. This was Dr. Alvarez' first time

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volunteering for the Boston marathon, his wife was running in the race.

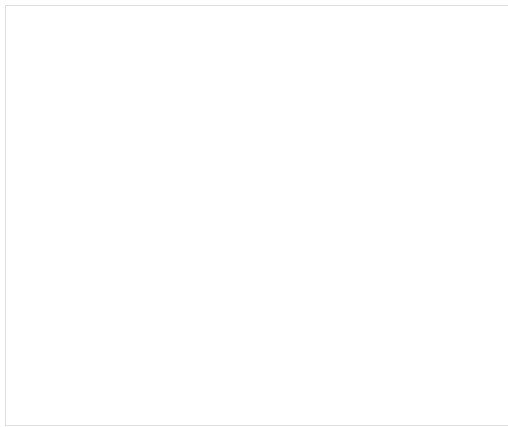
Dr. Alvarez said his wife Rebecca finished the race about a half hour before all of the chaos.[10 minutes, actually]

"It was a very bloody scene, a lot of people on the ground, a lot of people missing ankles you know just their lower limbs, a lot of big trauma," added Dr. Alvarez.

Dr. Alvarez went on to say the medical volunteers were trying to get to the injured as quickly as they could. **"One of the ladies that actually passed away was the lady that I was trying to work on, but she had multiple large fractures,"** added Dr. Alvarez.

Oh my, he's also on Fox News. the photo of them together cannot have been taken 30 minutes before the explosion.

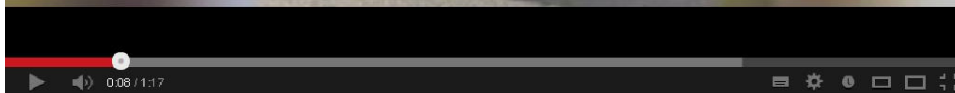
Local Doctor Helps Injured Boston Marathoners - YouTube



"he was fifty yards from the first explosion....then took off towards the devastation, helping put tourniquets on the injured and cared for a woman who had her foot blown off at the ankle"

"there were a lot of people on the ground, a lot of open wounds, I don't know if it was glass or just part of the explosion, just a lot of people in a lot of pain, a lot of blood"

Local Doctor Helps Injured Boston Marathoners



not 30 minutes before the explosions

Local Doctor Helps Injured Boston Marathoners



Dr Alvarez of San Antonio, Texas sandwiched between responders in red and blue

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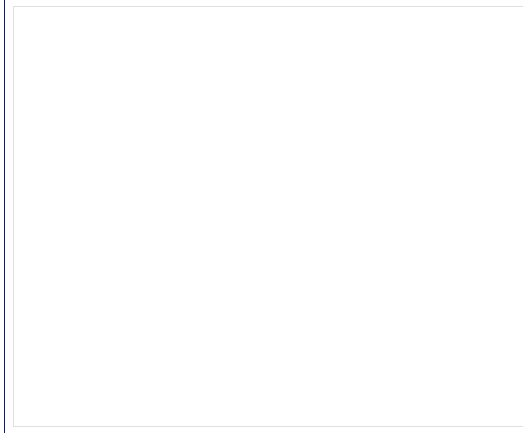
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Re: The Alleged Medical Witnesses

Dr John Cowin played a significant role in the event.

Local doctor helps victims while in Boston - YouTube



Local doctor helps victims while in Boston



"Dr Cowin and his wife jumped the barricades and rushed to help as many bombing victims as they could."

He saw two of the victims who did not make it.

8 year old Martin Richard **"kept saying help me, help me"**

"Dr John Cowin is a former military doctor, an orthopaedic surgeon in Leesburg for over thirty years. His wife Anna is a former Florida state senator. Their daughter Linda was running the marathon for a charity. Both were heroes and ran towards the devastation not away"

Cowan also tried to save the third victim, the chinese student Lu Lingzi

"We put an airway in her and I bagged her, but it was pretty obvious she wasn't going to make it "

"They moved from victim to victim and at one point Dr Cowin said he was so bloodied that medics thought he was hurt. Anna also took pictures"

like these from the second bomb site:

Local doctor helps victims while in Boston



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Whoa there, this is across the road from the second bomb in the doorway of the First Republic Bank at 772 Boylston. What's going on????

my,that hairdo looks a lot like that of Dr Christina Hernon, whose role in this event I shall examine next.



Dr Christina Hernon, Umass Memorial Medical Group Member

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Re: The Alleged Medical Witnesses

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Originally Posted by [joanneatom](#)
More accounts from the tent. We have heard about this man previously, although this is a different account straight from the horse's mouth, from the BMJ website.

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Dr. Fred H. Brennan, Jr. and his daughter, Alyssa.



Source: www.reuterspictures.com

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WOW, another heroic doctor manages to exit the scene of carnage/devastation in an immaculate, freshly pressed dress shirt.

Apparently he didn't even need to roll up his sleeves to keep those baby-blue cuffs 100% soot/gore-free.



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Re: The Alleged Medical Witnesses

Dr Christina Hernon

Boston bombings doctor: 'Everyone was my patient' - YouTube

"We heard and felt the first noise and then the second noise, the room became very quiet.....after the second one I found myself thinking of a colleague of mine that was in the Baghdad era....I went [to the bomb site]

"Who was the first patient?"
"It was everybody, it felt like everybody was my patient"
"Children?"

"I only saw one child in a wheelchair leaving the scene, that had signs of heat scorching [of] the hair on his head. I think an arm injury, I'm not sure, I think it was an arm injury but mostly I remember the look on his face, his eyes were very empty and more of a stare. I didn't really see fear or sadness, I just saw empty and confused."

What a load of inconsequential, content-free nonsense. Was she ever there at the bomb site from that description??

she told the CNN reporter that there were so many more doctors here in 2013 because the 2012 race was so hot.....

<http://thelead.blogs.cnn.com/2013/04...as-my-patient/>



Hernon took this photo of the tent:



<http://stowindependent.com/inside-the-n-medical-tent>

where more detail is added by her:

Dehydration, muscle spasms, shivering and sweats. That's what Stow resident and Emergency Room physician Christina Hernon expected Monday as she made her annual trek to volunteer in the medical tent at the Boston Marathon. Shortly after 2:50pm, that tent had become a makeshift hospital as medical volunteers worked in a frenzied and desperate attempt to save lives and limbs after two explosive devices detonated near the finish line of the Marathon on what had been an idyllic day in the city of Boston. "I had never felt or heard anything like that before," said Hernon of the two blasts that came only seconds apart. "We knew something was wrong and then the public address system called for all doctors, nurses and EMTs to get out to the finish line immediately." Running out of the tent, she thought of a colleague who had worked near the front lines in Baghdad, amidst exploding bombs, never knowing where the next would fall. "I started to think that it might be like that here. It really didn't matter where we were. I felt the whole area may not be safe," she said.

Hearing cries of people inside Marathon Sports, Hernon rushed inside the smoke filled store. Perhaps closer to the actual blast, those victims were most severely injured and suffering, according to Hernon. "Some were conscious, others were not. Some could say a few words," she said. Inside, there was a strong sulfur smell amidst the thick smoke, residual heat from the blast and an acrid odor of burning hair and skin, said Hernon. Bystanders were already inside, ripping shirts from their own bodies, tearing them into strips to make tourniquets for the victims. "I saw a woman who looked to be at the highest risk and applied a shirt to bandage her knee," ensuring she was stabilized and on a stretcher as quickly as possible, recalled Hernon.

Returning back to the tent only minutes after the blast, Hernon knew the medical area was crucial to the survival of these victims, now being rushed in at a steady pace. "The medical staff on-site was actually the smallest group of all the responders and we needed to get back to the tent so we could tend to the injured," she said.

Hernon ripped a Boston Marathon mylar blanket into sections and, grabbing a marker, created signs for Triage 1 - needing immediate transport and being close to death, and Triage 2 - the walking wounded. While hanging the signs on an overhead wire used for IV fluids, Hernon saw the first deceased victim arrive in the tent. She ordered a third sign - Morgue.

"We checked vital signs, stabilized bleeding, looked for broken bones on all the patients" she said, dividing people into categories for hospital transport. While Walking Wounded is the term applied in most Triage 2 situations, in this case, many of the victims were not walking due to the widespread and severe lower limb damage from the low blast.


Nearly all were suffering intense ear pain and punctured ear drums from the pressure produced by the blast. Others had serious eye damage.

Hernon noted a video that has been played on television over and over, showing an older runner in an orange top, who falls right in front of the scene as the blast occurs. "The force of the hot air and the pressure knocked him over," she said. She noted that two runners alongside him are seen covering both of their ears as they likely also were feeling the breakdown of their eardrums from the blast.

Hernon said her conversations with victims were short and specific - asking about injuries, where it hurt, trying her best to keep focused. "If you start to think about it, you will feel overwhelmed. You have to learn to stuff it back down and put it away," she said. But for this doctor, human compassion was still at the forefront.

"There was a girl in her 20s who was wheeled in. We were trying to assess her situation. Her leg had been placed in a splint outside. Another doctor asked her to wiggle her toes to test her circulation. She tried and nothing happened. She tried and tried again. And nothing happened. Then she realized she couldn't move her foot and she became hysterical. I took her hands and said 'I know you are so scared. It will be safest for your body if you can remain calm' and I just talked to her and held her hands. She was so scared," said Hernon.

By 5:30pm the last patient had left the tent. The police instructed medical staff to leave immediately. "It was very hard to go. We were afraid to take a step in




any direction. We didn't know which way was safe. We heard that runners who had been taken off the course were being sent to Boston Common, so we walked up there thinking we could maybe be of some help. When we got there, we saw that the location had been changed and they weren't there. We sat down on the grass and a girl came by with a violin and started playing. We finally felt safe. There were no buildings around. We needed to be together," she said. The group reflected on how their relatively small band of medical personnel had treated, in the course of a couple hours, over 100 victims, and at the time, was only aware of one death. "These doctors, nurses and EMTs, who have never worked together before, through the commonality of medical training, can function as a cohesive team very easily in a situation like this," explained Hernon, who felt that natural cohesiveness brought security and predictability to the medical teams working that scene on Monday.

"What a blessing it was to have so many medical professionals right there at that time," said Hernon, "along with equally supportive personnel who were there in seconds. We knew it was not a safe environment, but everyone who was available helped out. I truly believe that, even though it felt so chaotic, amongst the dedicated doctors and nurses, every single patient received excellent care in that medical tent."

Hernon is a 1990 graduate of Nashoba High School where she was a member of the school's EMT program. She is now an Emergency Room Physician at UMASS Memorial Medical Center and an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine in the Division of Medical Toxicology at UMASS Medical. This was her seventh year as a volunteer in the Boston Marathon.

The use of Marathon Sports seems key here



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